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FEBRUARY'S U.S. TRADE IN LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND MEAT PRODUCTS

February exports of U.S. livestock, meat, and meat products were valued at $112 million—a record high and nearly double last February's value. Imports, valued at $155 million, were 28 percent above the $121-million level of a year ago.

Cattle hide shipments, primarily to Japan, continued at high levels and average per unit export valued maintained their steady upward trend despite the fact that domestic prices peaked in early November. Exports to Japan totaled almost 0.8 million pieces—11 percent above the previous month and 53 percent above last February. Per unit export values for cattle hides reached $23 per piece. Last February the average was a little over $9 per piece.

Greater entries of boneless beef at higher per unit import values accounted for most of the growth in February imports. Entries were up 18 percent compared with a year earlier to 92 million pounds and per unit values increased 10 cents. Boneless beef accounts for about 93 percent of the imports subject to the Meat Import Law.

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U.S. imports of meat subject to
Meat Import Law (PL 88-482)

Imports	February	January-February
	Million pounds	Million pounds
1973		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/ ...	98.4	204.6
Total beef and veal 2/	109.6	233.1
Total red meat 3/	146.9	309.5
1972		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/ ...	80.8	167.7
Total beef and veal 2/	96.8	202.0
Total red meat 3/	137.7	296.6
1971		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/ ...	65.1	148.5
Total beef and veal 2/	73.9	169.1
Total red meat 3/	109.4	242.6

1/ Fresh, chilled and frozen beef, veal, mutton and goat meat, including rejections.

2/ All forms, including canned and preserved.

3/ Total beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton and goat.

U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law, February
January-February 1973, with comparisons 1/ 2/

Country of origin	February		January-February		Percent change from 1972 Jan.-Feb.
	1972	1973	1972	1973	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Percent
Australia	34,865	44,826	76,059	93,155	+22
New Zealand	11,290	17,846	21,992	35,218	+60
Mexico	7,171	9,713	12,757	21,302	+67
Costa Rica	7,192	7,782	13,953	13,218	-5
Nicaragua	4,918	3,809	9,438	9,994	+6
Guatemala	2,428	4,063	4,293	9,989	+133
Honduras	1,187	4,078	3,415	8,173	+139
Canada	3,992	3,324	8,125	6,595	-19
Dominican Republic	630	1,085	1,288	3,030	+135
Ireland	6,532	885	15,524	1,488	-91
El Salvador	---	337	---	1,207	---
Panama	408	303	610	647	+6
Haiti	152	244	180	431	+139
United Kingdom	---	114	37	114	+208
Total 3/	80,765	98,408	167,672	204,560	+22

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Fresh, frozen and chilled beef, veal, mutton and goat meat including rejections. Excludes canned meat and other prepared or preserved meat products.

3/ May not add due to rounding.

Meat and selected livestock products: U.S. exports
February and January-February 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	February		January-February	
	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Animal fats:				
Lard	17,965	4,871	36,521	23,391
Tallow and greases:				
Inedible	196,144	180,652	400,990	425,307
Edible	503	773	1,298	1,756
Meats:				
Beef and veal	3,212	4,163	6,482	9,439
Pork	3,160	11,549	5,920	16,841
Goat, lamb, and mutton	71	139	237	216
Sausages	207	550	520	965
Meat specialties	186	272	509	1,209
Other canned	595	625	1,211	1,811
Total red meats 2/	7,430	17,299	14,879	30,481
Variety meats	17,692	19,811	38,740	41,063
Sausage casings (animal origin)	1,329	1,163	2,134	2,142
Animal hair, including mohair	4,803	1,478	10,311	2,504
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts	1,435	2,905	2,828	4,263
	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces
Cattle	1,153	1,837	2,423	3,298
Calf	83	151	257	338
Kip	45	25	65	61
Sheep and lamb	338	519	778	1,023
Horse	5	33	7	40
Goat and kid	31	14	42	19
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Livestock:				
Cattle and calves	2,766	6,899	8,927	13,213
Sheep, lambs, and goats	4,322	7,410	6,145	19,377
Hogs	1,724	866	2,662	2,611
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	525	31,093	1,975	32,389

1/ Preliminary.
2/ May not add due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census

U.S. imports of meat and selected livestock products,
February and January-February 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	February		January-February	
	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Red meats:				
Beef and veal:				
Fresh, chilled, or frozen:				
Bone-in beef	690	955	1,779	1,247
Boneless beef	78,193	91,903	161,956	192,346
Prepared items	4,889	653	6,477	1,389
Veal	1,080	3,568	3,067	7,806
Prepared or preserved:				
Canned:				
Corned	6,311	8,147	18,934	17,926
Other	1,472	1,318	3,943	3,580
Other	4,006	2,912	5,414	8,475
Sausage	175	142	405	371
Total beef and veal 2/	96,815	109,599	201,974	233,140
Pork:				
Fresh, chilled, or frozen	6,454	3,909	12,707	7,322
Canned:				
Hams and shoulders	26,031	22,982	64,774	50,611
Other	1,522	2,041	4,170	3,911
Cured	381	414	746	716
Sausage	463	651	982	1,392
Total pork 2/	34,850	29,996	83,380	63,951
Mutton and goat	802	1,981	870	3,161
Lamb	3,068	3,141	5,972	4,810
Sausage-mixed	368	609	1,101	1,125
Other meats	1,807	1,620	3,267	3,310
Total red meats 2/	137,711	146,946	296,565	309,497
Variety meats	481	497	1,056	1,363
Edible and inedible tallow and grease	175	186	417	395
Meat extract	96	83	237	352
Wool (clean basis):				
Dutiable	1,511	2,550	3,659	5,891
Duty-free	8,979	4,667	13,961	9,007
Total wool 2/	10,489	7,217	17,620	14,898
Animal hair (clean basis)	605	435	959	739
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts	118	42	266	209
Sheep skins pickled and split	791	836	1,664	2,057
	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces
Cattle	18	34	26	74
Calf and kip	18	25	39	30
Buffalo	43	18	93	32
Sheep and lamb	2,160	1,437	3,165	2,347
Goat and kid	314	253	603	509
Horse	28	8	43	17
Pig	32	32	46	37
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Livestock:				
Cattle	88,460	103,817	199,713	255,205
Sheep	68	1,940	1,020	2,704
Hogs	14,127	3,146	26,810	6,244
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	160	225	325	393

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